



SWARC NEWS

Meeting Notes

SWARC 4 NOV MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by President Mike Gaither, K4MWG.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bernie, N4BAJ.

Christine Fernandini, KJ4AEO, gave a treasurer's report stating that we have \$2,318.38 in the bank account as of the meeting.

The radio room was discussed at length and President Mike thanked all of the members who had helped with the work to complete the room.

Our program was a refresher on SKYWARN presented by Virginia Enzor, NC4VA, Emergency Coordinator, Central Carolina SKYWARN. Her presentation covered some of the history of weather spotting and the founding of what we know today. The members discussed how they should respond when observing weather phenomena.

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

73,

Richard Hall – K7RLH

Secretary

South Wake Amateur Radio Club Treasurer Report October 2019

Club Addition and Reduction Activity

Additions

Dues	35.00	cash	Steve (KA0GMY) and Gloria Mowels
Dues	30.00	cash	Chris Raba (KC2HVO)
Dues	30.00	cash	Dan Gilbertson (KN4PSR)
Donation	5.00	cash	meal

Total

Additions 100.00

Reductions

Ham Shack	50.87	check #1685	reimbursed Mike Gaither
Food-fall picnic	61.89	check #1685	reimbursed Mike Gaither (check #1685 total \$112.76)
Swap Fest	100.00	cash	coffee and donuts

Total

Reductions 212.76

RBC Bank Account Activity

Balance as of 10/07/2019	2431.14		
Addition	100.00		
Reduction	212.76		

Balance as of

11/04/2019 2318.38

Christine Fernandini KJ4AEO
11/04/2019

NET Report

Please we ask that all net reports be sent to David at

n4ttn.radio@gmail.com

David did comment that only one or two net controls were turning in the net reports. Please send your reports to David.

David, N4TTN is on the lookout for new net control operators. If interested please contact David, N4TTN.

MEMBERSHIP

Just a reminder that it is time to pay membership dues for the 2019-2020 time frame.

\$30 for individual and \$5 for each family member.

You can bring a check or cash to the meeting Monday October 7th or mail them to the club PO box and Christy will let me know she has received them so I can update the list. If you mail them, give me a heads up so I can mark it as pending on the roster.

Makes checks payable to South Wake ARC.

If you are going to mail it, send it to South Wake ARC – PO Box 1565 – Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

I have taken over as Membership Director from Ryan, so please direct any questions to me.

I will be developing an online form so new members can fill out the application online and mail or bring a check to a meeting.

I will be reaching out to all members here soon to make sure I have the latest contact information, addresses, etc so I can make sure the membership list reflects current information.

Thanks

David Sosnin

N4TTN

n4ttn.radio@gmail.com

David has updated the membership list and sent it out. Please check the list and make sure you are on it. If you do not see your name then you have a couple of options: 1) Pay your dues and get back on the list 2) If you have paid then fuss at David 3) David forgets that everyone is not as social as he is so if you did not receive a copy then send David an email at n4ttn.radio@gmail.com and request a copy.

Public Service

Check the RARS web site often for Public Service opportunities.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Appointed Positions

President

Mike Gaither – K4MWG

Vice President

Brian Knox – KK4BK

Secretary

Rich Hall, K7RLH

Treasurer

Christy Fernandini - KJ4AEO

Member-At-Large

Al Crawford – WA4TCJ

Member-At-Large

Charles Bruckner – KG4MXV

Member-At-Large

Dan Gilbertson

Membership Chair

David Sossin – N4TTN

NET MANAGER

Joe - KM4YTF

Special Events Director

Gino Fernandini –KI4YXO

Public Service Director

David Krum – NW3U

SWARC Mission Statement

South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of our members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service.

LINKS (if you have other links you want added then send them to me)

PRN

A Wide Area Digital Amateur Radio Network www.ncprn.net

GigaParts

www.gigaparts.com

QRZ

www.qrz.com

Ham Radio Outlet HRO

www.hamradio.com

Raleigh Amateur Radio Society RARS

www.rars.org

Johnson Amateur Radio Society JARS

www.jars..net

South Wake Amateur Radio Club SWARC

www.southwakearc.com

Greetings to all 145.210 SWARC repeater members.

I have made the decision to temporarily allow the Central Carolina Sky Warn net and the STATE EOC to move their operations to the 145.210 repeater. Some explanation is in order to all SWARC members and I will attempt to outline the circumstances that have brought me to my current Decision.

For a very very long time the 146.880 repeater located on the same tower as is the 145.210 repeater has been the flagship 2 meter repeater as to providing operations for Central Carolina Skywarn, communications for the office of State Emergency Management, and other public service events and nets as needed. Central Carolina Skywarn is tasked with getting live spotter reports and other time valued information from trained spotters in all these counties when called upon by the National Weather Service.

Sky Warn is only activated by direct request from the National Weather Service.

The State EOC uses Winlink for some communications between the Eastern, Central, and Western branch offices during emergencies. They also use the 146.880 repeater for voice communications between the Central and Eastern branch office in Kinston NC during emergencies.

The main 146.880 repeater on the tall Auburn tower has failed and we have been operating on a backup repeater on a 350 foot tower near Garner NC. We are fortunate to have been allowed to utilize this site to keep a repeater on the air on 146.880. Unfortunately, the current footprint of the backup repeater is extremely limited, especially to the East of Raleigh. IE, it is not useable at all even in the Wilson area let alone Rocky Mt., Greenville, Goldsboro, and other key areas that both SkyWarn and the State EOC have a need to communicate with.

There is lots and lots of work going on at the Auburn tall towers sites currently as to the new DTV channel and equipment changes. This work has been going on for 3 or 4 months now and will continue to go on until Probably early or late December of 2019. We are guests on the tower and do not and will not be in the way of all the work that is currently going on at the sites. So, it will probably be early in 2020 before the main 146.880 equipment can be replaced.

The K4ITL 145.210 repeater is the only 2-meter repeater left in the local area that can satisfy the needs of Central Carolina SkyWarn and the State

EOC. In my opinion, the right thing to do in this situation is to SHARE our resource with those who need it. I am extremely grateful to the South Wake Amateur Radio Club for their support of the 145.210 repeater and I consider them as the primary user of this repeater.

Here's the way I wish operations to be carried out until we can get the primary 146.880 repeater back on the air.

There is no reason why both the nightly net and the trader's net can't be carried out on the repeater as they always have been. If SkyWarn happens to be activated when it's time for a net, unless there is emergency traffic in progress, the net goes on as usual with an occasional standby to ask if there is any SkyWarn traffic.

If SkyWarn is activated at other times, during the day or evening, there is still no problem with normal conversations being carried on the 145.210 repeater by SWARC members and others who use the repeater. Just take a pause now and then to see if there is any SkyWarn Traffic.

I hope everyone will be okay with these changes, in the spirit of public service and public safety, it's good for us to be of help when we can.

If anyone wants to discuss this issue or has any other questions or suggestions please feel free to contact me at:

dannyhampton@fastmail.com

If the NWS requests that SkyWarn activates tomorrow morning or later in the day tomorrow, They will activate on the 145.210 repeater.

Thanks to one and all for your continued support and assistance in

making
this work smoothly.

Cordially,
Danny Hampton

K4ITL

Ok Gang it is November and Thanksgiving is on the 28th but that can not happen until JARSFEST takes place on the 17th.



31st
Annual

JARSFEST 2019

ARRL
Sanctioned
Hamfest



SUN. NOV. 17

8:00 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.

AMER. LEGION COMPLEX

605 N. Wall Street
BENSON, NC 27504

Adv. Reg. \$6.00 — At Door \$7.00 — Child (Under 16) Free, With Adult

Talk-In On 147.270 + 600

Backup Talk-In On: 146.970 — 600

BUY, SELL, TRADE Plus EXAMS, DEALERS, FOOD

DRAWINGS:

GRAND PRIZE – Dual Band Mobile

2nd PRIZE – Two Meter Mobile

INSIDE TABLES FOR RENT

(All Spaces Sold Out The Last 18 Years)

Inside Set Up: 6:00 AM – Reserve Your Space Now

Outdoor Tailgating Opens 6:00 AM

GREAT FOOD
Biscuits – Burgers – Dogs
& More

NOTICE:
Due to local ordinances and club policy,
neither weapons nor pornographic
material may be displayed or sold at the
JARSFEST site.

Local Lodging:

Call Benson Area Chamber Of Commerce 919-894-3825

EXAMS BEGIN: 9:30 AM (SHARP) Amateur Radio Exams (Courtesy of RARS VE TEAM)

WALK-INS ONLY. No preregistration required. All necessary forms will be provided. Bring photo ID, original and copy of current license (if already licensed), and original and copy of CSCE's for test elements passed that are not reflected in your current license class. Exam fee is \$15

To Reserve Space or More Information Call: (919) 934-9623, 919-820-3498, (7:00 PM – 10:00 PM)

E-Mail: jarsmember@yahoo.com



The annual SWARC TAIL GATING party took Place on October 19th at the Golden Corral. I think it went well we sold some equipment, some equipment was bought, and some was even traded. Thanks to one and all who attended. I would say we had at least 30 people stop by.

PICTURES FROM TAILGATING





